

WI-363  
Theodore Parsons House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1850-60

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Their three-story, five-bay frame house followed a prevailing architectural taste in Salisbury at mid century for large scale dwellings. The three-story Greek Revival form, with a row of narrow windows lighting the third floor, was preferred by the professional and merchant class around 1850. Several Humphreys family houses follow this same form as does the Alexander Toadvine house (WI-275) on Isabella Street. The bracketed eave and bracketed door and window lintels are indicative of the bold sculptural proportions common to Italianate details from mid nineteenth century as well. The overall architectural massing as well as the classical columned front portico are clearly

representative of Greek Revival design as favored in Salisbury during the 1850s and 1860s. Until the 1930s the house was located along North Division Street, as it is indicated on the Salisbury map published in the Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester county atlas of 1877. Around 1935, the Larmar Corporation acquired the property and financed the relocation of the house at end of what was known at time at Hatfield Lane. A large apartment building was erected on the north side of the street. On the 1835 plat prepared by Roy E. Moore, the old house is identified as Hatfield Manor.

## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Theodore Parsons House \*

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-363

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):     Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation:       Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):     Agricultural-Industrial Transition  
1815-1870
4. Resource Type(s):             Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF**  
**HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-363

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Theodore Parsons House

and/or common Hatfield Manor

**2. Location**

street & number 306 Colonial Court ☐ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William R. Jones, Jr.

street & number 162 Old Wharf Road telephone no.:

city, town Ocean City state and zip code MD 21842

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 107, P. 452  
liber 992

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 526

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☐ original site

☒ moved

date of move

c. 1935

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Theodore Parsons house, also known as Hatfield Manor, is a three-story, five-bay frame dwelling that stands at 306 Colonial Court on the southern edge of the Newtown Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The center hall dwelling faces east and a low pitched hip roof is oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1850-1860, the three-story, double-pile house is supported on an excavated cellar with a partially exposed brick foundation covered with stucco. The exterior is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding, and the low pitched roof is sheathed with tin. Attached to each end of the house are two-story, one-bay by one-bay wings that date to the same period as the main block.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance sheltered by a single-bay portico with a flat roof defined by a boxed cornice. The porch roof is supported by stout columns with acanthus leaf capitals. A heavily molded door embellished with six octagonal panels is framed by three-light sidelights and a three-light transom. Paneled pilasters rise on each side of the entrance to a projecting entablature accented with bold brackets at the top of each pilaster. The adjacent first floor bays are filled with long six-over-six sash windows features bracketed window cornices. While shutter hardware remains on each window, the shutters themselves have been removed. The second floor is lighted by five six-over-six sash windows aligned with the first floor openings. Each of the windows have a bracketed lintel. The third floor is defined by five squarish windows that have replacement sash. Trimming the top of the wall is a boxed cornice accented with mid nineteenth-century brackets.

Each end of the double-pile house is largely covered by a two-story, one-bay by one-bay wing that dates to the same period as the main house. Narrow brick chimneys rise through each wing and protrude through the roof along the outside wall of the center block. The chimneys were rebuilt after the relocation of the house. Each lateral wing is lighted by six-over-six sash windows trimmed with bracketed window cornices.

The house has been divided into five apartments.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, LW 5/86, 27 November 1856.

<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 155/530, 12 July 1928.



## SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

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A large apartment building was erected on the north side of the street. On the 1935 plat prepared by Roy E. Moore,<sup>3</sup> the old house is identified as Hatfield Manor.

The house is listed in *Category A*, which indentifies buildings of high architectural significance due to their age or degree of rarity.

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<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 193/464-65, 28 October 1935.



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Chain of title  
Map 107, Parcel 952

992/526                      John P. Stasiewicz, Attorney for Aniko Stasiewicz

to

6/20/1983                      William R. Jones, Jr.  
Jacklyn W. Jones

Item Second (A) Lot No. 5 as shown on a plat made for the  
Larmar Corporation by Roy E. Moore IDT 193/464-65  
10/28/1935 shows relocated house lot labeled "Hatfield  
Manor"

IDT 193/462-63                      Helen H. Weatherhead  
Douglass C. Weatherhead

to

10/30/1935                      Larmar Corporation

IDT 176/412                      Larmar Corporation

to

8/17/1932                      Florence H. Holloway  
Helen H. Weatherhead

Item One-all that lot or parcel of land in the City of Salisbury  
....on the westerly side of and binding upon North  
Division Street, being bounded on the north by the  
Land of Clarence W. Whealton; bounded on the  
West by the land of Isaac S. Brewington, Wade H.  
Insley and Page Toadvin and Sadie C. Toadvin;  
bounded on the South by the Asbury Methodist  
Episcopal Church Parsonage

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IDT 161/129

James Larmar  
Margaret M. Larmar

to

12/11/1929

Larmar Corporation

IDT 155/530

William B. Tilghman, Jr. and M. Louise Tilghman, trustees  
George P. Chandler and Helen R. Chandler

to

7/12/1928

James H. Larmar  
Whereas Margaret E. Parsons left a last will and testament  
2/28/1899 ELW 1/446

Property conveyed to Margaret E. Parsons by the three  
following deeds:

1. from Mary Dashiell, 11/27/1856, LW 5/86  
\$1,800 "in that part of said town commonly known as 'New  
Town the larger part of which lot the said Mary  
Dashiell acquired under the will of her mother Mary  
Aydelotte and a small part by purchase from James  
Hooper but which was conveyed by Richard  
Lemmon to said Mary which said lot is more  
particularly described as follows; Beginning at a  
stone placed on the west side of Dividing Street...
2. from David Vance, et al. Stewards of the Methodist  
Episcopal Church of the Salisbury Circuit, LW 5/129,  
12/25/1856  
"David Vance, Hugh Jackson, Josephus Humphreys,  
Thomas R. Smith, James White and Levin T. H.  
Irving, Steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church  
of Salisbury Circuit....all that portion of the

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parsonage lot belonging to the said Circuit lying and  
being in Salisbury Town...

3. Interchangeable deed from William H. Jackson et al.  
Trustees of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church,  
4/30/1888, FMS 3/286

AND S. A. J. GENTS' furnishing Goods, &c. No. 47 Main St.  
**HILLIS AND SON**, Wholesale and Retail  
 ers in Groceries, Provisions, Notions, Gilling-  
 ne, Wood and Willow-ware, Fishing Tackle,  
 on and Manila Rope, Corn-meal, &c. No. 70  
 n Street.  
**LAYMAN**, Dealer in Groceries, Tobacco,  
 ions and General Merchandise. No. 69 Main  
 et.

#### Editors.

**HL MALONE**, Editor of the "Salisbury  
 vertis"  
**BEI** itor and Publisher of the "Eastern  
 rema.

#### Fruit Dealer.

**CATHELL**, Dealer in, and Grower of Small  
 its. Salisbury, Md.

#### Hotel.

**TRACY**, Proprietor of the "Peninsula Ho-  
 ," also of the "Adantic Hotel," "Ocean City."

sale and Retail Dealer in Dressed **PLANKS**,  
 faced Boards, House-framing, Box-boards, Oak  
 Lumber suitable for Vessel Material, Gum, Wal-  
 nut, Oak and Cherry Hubs, Balusters, Newel Posts,  
 Fence Pickets, Post Caps, Flower Vases, Broom  
 Handles, Spinning Wheels, Pumps. Turning of  
 all Kinds and Styles of Wood and Iron a Specialty.  
 Wool carded from July 1st to October 31st. Also  
 Manufacturer of Flour, Meal and Feed Stuff. Wi-  
 comico Falls Mills, No. 2 Mill Street, Salisbury, Md.

#### Mills.

**GEO. W. LEONARD**, Farmer and Proprietor of  
 Saw and Grist Mill. Res. and mill  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles north  
 of Salisbury.  
**JOHN WILLIAMS**, Farmer and Proprietor of  
 Saw and Grist Mill  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Salisbury.  
**GEO. H. W. RUARK**, Farmer and Proprietor of  
 "Ruark Mills"  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Salisbury. Res.  
 Salisbury.  
**M. A. PARSONS**, Proprietor of S. S. Mill,  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 miles west of Salisbury on Wicomico River. Also  
 Proprietor of Marine Railway.

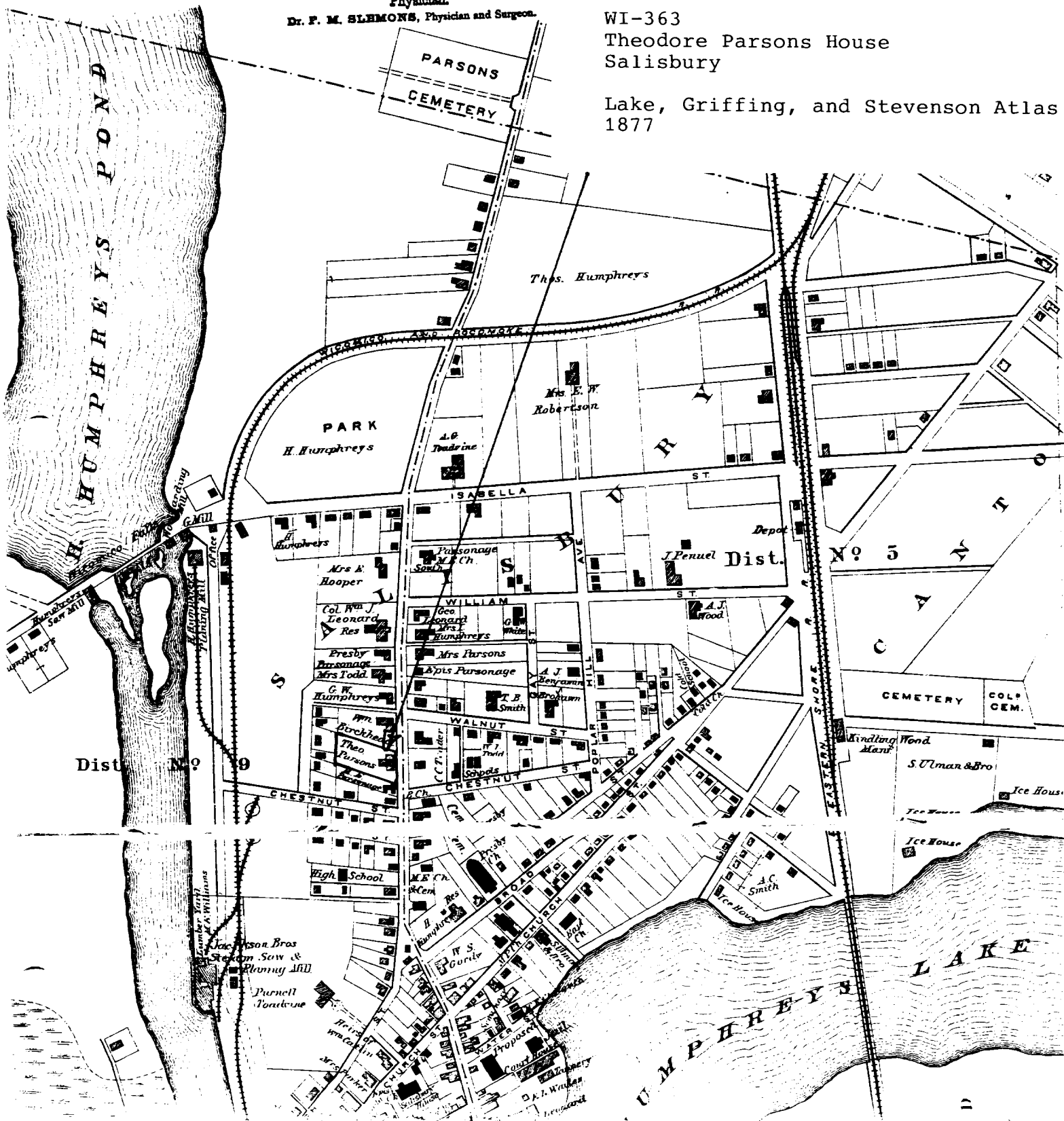
#### Physician.

**Dr. F. M. SLEMONS**, Physician and Surgeon.

# SALISBURY

WICOMICO CO.

*Dist. Nos 95 & 8*



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
 1877

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

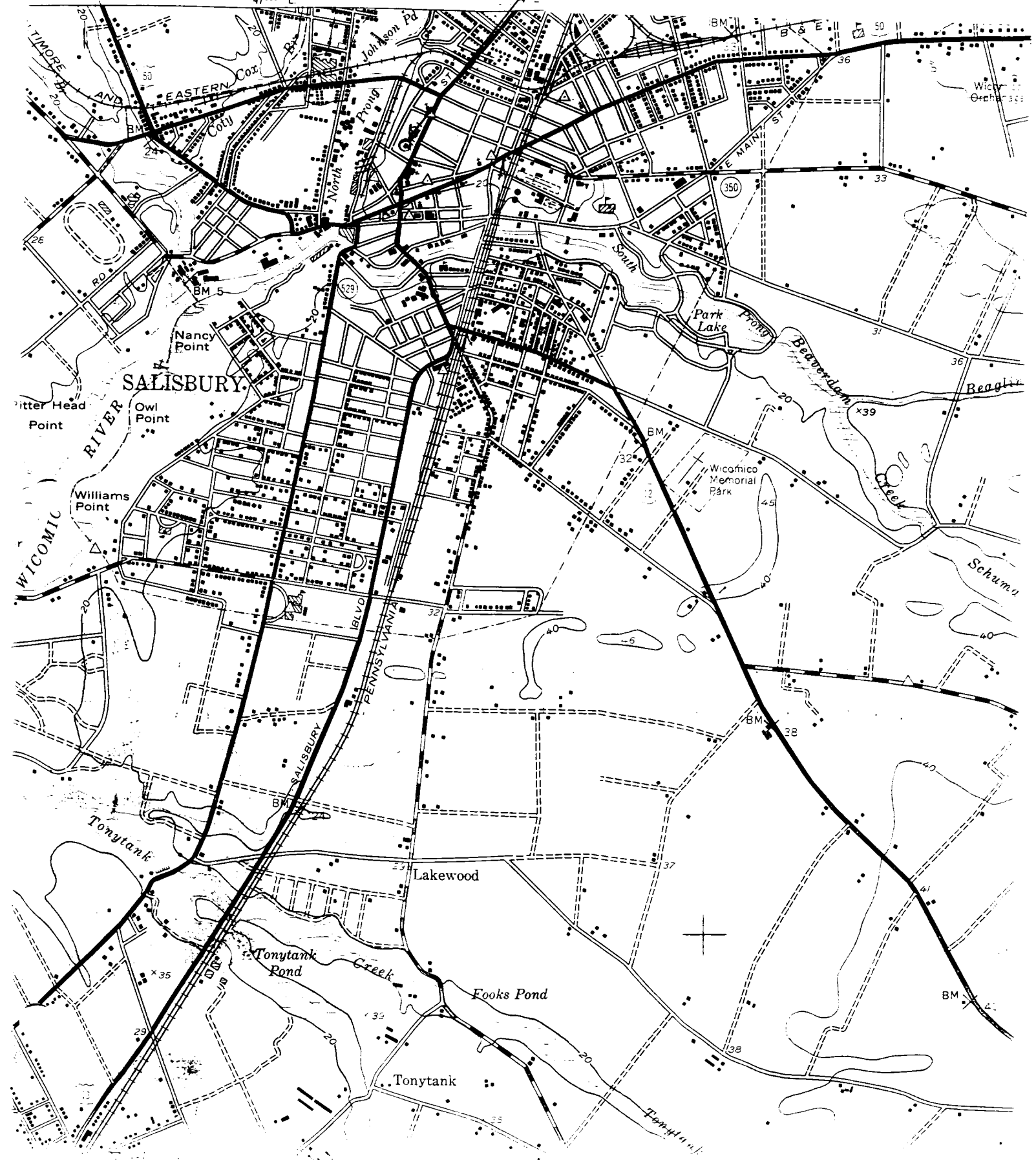
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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
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